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WASHINGTON.

Yesterday's Proceedings in Congress.

The Bill Repealing the Iron-clad Test Oath Passed in the House.

Hill, of Georgia, Admitted to a Seat in the Senate.

Subsidy Men Growing Anxious About Their Pet Schemes.

The House Judiciary Committee Reports Adversely on the McCarrahan Claim.

February Statement of the Public Debt.

Decrease During the Past Month, $4,040,986.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SALISBURY GAMBLINGS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—Mr. SALISBURY started on another campaign in the Senate to-day. He was in about the same obnoxious condition as yesterday, and his generally embarrassed remarks were full of bitterness and personalities. He had the floor on the Georgia question, and Senator STRAIGHTOFF few could get him to yield to. The Democratic Senators were in no mood, not knowing of what great indiscretion he might be guilty, especially as he opened by an allusion to a man who once lived in Northern Illinois, and, who gained great reputation by keeping his mouth shut. He was proceeding to tell of his individual war, and what office he now held, when several Senators pandemonized him to promise Southern Democrats that he would yield the floor for a few minutes, in order that the former might make an explanation of some facts connected with the subject under discussion, the vote should be taken without further interruption. This was reluctantly consented to by this arrangement, and while the Nevada Senator was speaking, walked up and down, as also in his usual nervously dry, acrimonious manner, keeping one eye on Stewart and another on the clock so, as to find that the latter did not exceed the limit. Even at this late hour, his zealous manner in calling for an immediate vote caused an outbreak of laughter on the part of Democrats, and he finally, in his wrath and his espionage over the proceedings until the Senate had proceeded so far that further debate was impossible.

THE COLUMBIA QUESTION

was settled by the Senate to-day to the extent of admitting Hill, who was sworn in, and who took his seat immediately. After this Morrill of Maine was attempted to have the same action taken with regard to Miller, Messrs. Trumbull and Stewart and Edmunds objecting, the matter was finally left over until to-morrow. It is not to be doubted but that Miller will be admitted to his seat, especially since the action of the House this afternoon in repealing the iron-clad oath.

THE STRANGEST PERSONAL BILL

ever beginning to get extremely important. They are before Congress, and the committees to which they have been referred are trying to see how they can be got through. Even if they should pass the Senate, they will have to undergo a fiery ordeal before they have time to reach them before the Executive. Among the most prominent personal bills lately brought to bear upon the committees to get them reported favorably, and to secure the passage of the resolutions they carried with them, was that for the relief of Mrs. Surratt. The committee to which this bill was referred, and as soon as the heads of executive bureaus heard the import of the proceedings they could not restrain their indignation at the unwarranted request that was contained in it. On one occasion a person was even discovered in the committee-room with the bill in his hand, and he was in the act of reading it to the members present, when he was interrupted by the remark that the bill had been thrown out of the window, never signed by anybody, and it is understood that the bill has been thrown out of the window by the Committee because that there was no use in having it signed by anybody. It is a matter of history that Mrs. Surratt was executed by the United States for complicity in the assassination of President Lincoln, and she was hanged in behalf of the country of the nation. Now comes a bill, and the astonishing fact is developed that Mrs. Surratt has a daughter living, and that she is in favor of any pending proceedings to secure the release of her mother's remains. Another bill of this character is now before the Committee on Claims

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"REGENERATION."

The Trial of Rev. C. E. Cheney Resumed Before the Ecclesiastical Court.

Question as to the Jurisdiction of an Incomplete Tribunal.

An Explanatory Statement by the Accused.

Forenoon Session.

The Supreme Court of the state having declined the injunction prayed upon the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese of Illinois on the 3d day of Feb., 1871, by Judge Jameson, of the superior Court, the trial of Rev. Charles Edward Cheney, Rector of Grace Church, of Chicago, by the Bishop of Illinois, according to the charges of the Standing Committee of St. Peter and Paul, Owners of Western and Pews streets, it will be recollected that Mr. Cheney was accused of violations of the canonical law of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in deviating from the form prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer for the burial of infants, he having left out the words "regeneration" and "after-crowes admonition from Bishop Whittemore that he should not omit that word. At the forenoon session of the court, on Jan. 30, the plea of "not guilty" was entered, on the refusal of the accused to answer further to the jurisdiction of the court, and the witnesses was about to be called, when the Sheriff announced that a message had been received from the Governor, that the Judge who had been appointed to act in the place of Judge Lawrence, who was absent, was unable to attend, and the court was adjourned to the afternoon session.

COUNSEL, COUNSEL, AND APPEARANCE.

It was a few minutes after 2 o'clock when Lawrence entered the court-room, accompanied by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago, Rev. Dr. Clark, Rev. Dr. Locke, and Rev. Dr. Fulton, and took his seat on the bench. The following gentlemen were present as counsel, confronting the Court: Among the prominent lawyers who were present during the trial were Messrs. Wirt Dexter, Isaac N. Arnold, Judge Otis H. Waterman, Judge Wilkinson, Judge Dickey, Judge Scammon, Judge Lawrence, Wirt Dexter, Jr., Judge Goudy, Judge Blodgett, Judge Drummond, Judge Booth, Judge Williston, Judge Lockwood, Judge Wilson, Judge Lyon, Judge Hoyne, Judge Tuley, Judge Moore, Judge Gary, Judge Rogers, Judge Van Buren, Judge Hoyt, Judge Jameson

ROSH MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.

Interesting Experiments in Vivisection by Prof. J. W. Freer.

The Commencement Exercises—List of Graduates, &c.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual meeting of the alumni of the Rush Medical College was held last evening, in the lecture-room of the College, Dr. Abner Hard, of Aurora, in the chair.

Dr. Christopher Goodbreak, of Chicago, and Dr. F. Freeman, of Mason City, were elected members.

Dr. R. Ingalls addressed the Society in a brief speech, in which he referred to the success of the entertainment connected with